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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Madalena DATE TYPED 1/26/05 HB 171

SHORT TITLE Medicaid Program Funding SB _____

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$92,000			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 21

Duplicates Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06			
	\$237,631		Recurring	Federal Funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 171 appropriates \$92 million from the GENERAL FUND to The Human Services

Department for the purpose continuing the current level of benefits and eligibility in the Medicaid program and to allow for growth in the projected number of recipients and the rising costs of providing services to beneficiaries.

Significant Issues

A significant increase is included in the LFC and DFA recommendation making the requirement for Medicaid funding considerable less than the \$92 million included in HB 171.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$92 million contained in this bill is a RECURRING expense to the GENERAL FUND. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FISCAL YEAR 2006 shall revert to the GENERAL FUND.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

It is uncertain what is meant by the rising costs of services. If this refers to inflation factors related to the program it may be valuable to define which will be used to adjust the reimbursements and subsequently the appropriation requirement.

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